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Sir:

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Applicants' attorney also submits that the docket sheet for the date on which the response would have been due, i.e., July 21, 2004, indicates that a response was never docketed. Accordingly, applicants' attorney submits that the copy of the Official Action was never received in their offices.

Accordingly, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment mailed on January 11, 2005 be withdrawn.

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It is submitted that the fee is not required by the present petition. However, in the event that a fee is required, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge applicants' attorney's deposit account No. 02-4800.

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